

March 4, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Eric Anderson, Transportation Director

SUBJECT: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2016-17 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES  
NON-INFRASTRUCTURE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS

Member agencies are invited to submit applications, in partnership with local K-8 schools, for programming Transportation Alternatives (TA) non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School projects. Signed project applications must be submitted via e-mail to [srts@azmag.gov](mailto:srts@azmag.gov) by 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

MAG has allocated \$400,000 per year to fund qualifying Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects that would involve ONLY non-infrastructure projects. In previous years similar projects (referred to as SRTS Non-Infrastructure Grants) were administered by the Arizona DOT for the entire state. There has been a change to relevant federal regulations, and all future SRTS projects in the MAG Planning Area will be coordinated by MAG under a new program named Transportation Alternatives - Safe Routes to School (TA-SRTS). These funds will be available for two types of SRTS projects as follows:

(1) Priority 1 - SRTS projects for conducting safety studies at K-8 schools (Studies are estimated cost up to \$20,000 per school site); Funds available - \$300,000 in FFY2016 and \$363,707 in FFY2017. An additional amount of \$63,707 is included in FFY2017 from a FFY2015 project cost savings. The maximum amount for Priority 1 projects per application per year is \$80,000.

(2) Priority 2 - SRTS projects that would provide material support for school programs and activities that encourage safer walking and bicycling (Cost would depend on programs and activities); Funds available - \$100,000 each FFY 2016 and FFY2017. The maximum amount for Priority 2 projects per application per year is \$50,000.

Applications may be downloaded from the MAG website at: <http://srts.azmag.gov>. All TA-SRTS project applications must be developed in partnership with K-8 schools and submitted by a MAG member agency. Information on the planned schedule and the goals and objectives of the TA program are provided in the website links.

A workshop to review the application process will be held on Tuesday March 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the MAG Office, Suite 200 – Saguaro Room, 302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix. If there are any questions, please contact Margaret Boone at [mboone@azmag.gov](mailto:mboone@azmag.gov) or at (602) 254-6300.

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